

IN HONOR OF DR. TOMÁS A.
ARCINIEGA

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, it is with utmost pleasure and privilege that I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Dr. Tomás Arciniega, President of California State University Bakersfield. Dr. Arciniega has been a champion of higher education, a trailblazer who has opened doors for countless underrepresented students, and a good friend. After 30 years with the California State University system, this exceptional teacher and administrator will complete his service at CSU Bakersfield, retiring soon after the commencement of the Class of 2004. Recognizing that his career has been both distinguished and memorable, the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities will honor him tonight in its first ever Roast and Fundraiser, which will support a scholarship in Dr. Arciniega's name.

Growing up in the projects of El Paso, Texas, Tomás learned his strong work ethic and core values from his parents, Tomás and Judith Arciniega. In tenth grade, he met his future wife, Concha, and together they became an indivisible team, blessed with a true partnership, friendship and love. Tomás and Concha are now the proud parents of four daughters (Wendy, Lisa, Judy and Laura) and seven grandchildren (Nico, Melina, Vanessa, Natalie, Jakob, Lukas and Benjamin). Family has always been the top priority for Tomás and Concha, who relish their regular road-trips to San Diego, Albuquerque and Phoenix to ensure their active and valuable role in the lives of their grandchildren.

The first in his family to attend college, Tomás's successes in his early years demonstrate his commitment to learning, competing, and serving. He earned his bachelor's degree from New Mexico State University in teacher education. He holds a master's and doctorate in educational administration—both completed at the University of New Mexico. And his pursuit of education has taken him east to Harvard where he attended the Institute for Educational Management program for senior university executives.

A well-rounded scholar athlete, Tomás played football and baseball throughout high school and received a football scholarship to New Mexico State University. He even played catcher in baseball's minor leagues on a farm team for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Tomás proudly served his country, first as an officer in the United States Army, and later as a foreign officer for the U.S. Department of State, where he was responsible for the coordination and contracting of technical support services in health and education in the Dominican Republic. Tomás continued his work overseas in Colombia, on behalf of UNM, as a principal advisor in school administration and higher education to the Colombian Ministry of Education.

Tomás's educational career has always combined his passion for students with his commitment to making a difference as an administrator. His career has taken him from the Las Cruces Independent School District's hall of administration, to teaching at the intermediate and high school levels in Albu-

querque, New Mexico, and then on to the University of Texas, El Paso where he served as an associate professor of educational administration and assistant dean. From there, he was named the dean of the School of Education and professor of educational administration at San Diego State University.

The California State University system recognized Tomás's achievements by appointing him vice president for academic affairs and professor of educational administration at California State University, Fresno. In that capacity, Tomás accomplished significant changes including the reorganization of the academic budget management system, increasing the level of outside grant activities, revising the system for tenure and promotion of faculty, reorganizing the School of Social Work and Health Services, and initiating and implementing major affirmative action initiatives in academic affairs.

For the last 20 years, Tomás has served as the president and a professor of education at California State University, Bakersfield. During his tenure, CSUB has grown dramatically as demonstrated by the institution achieving university status and record enrollment gains. CSUB has enjoyed increased funding for research and training, as well as major capital outlay projects, including an athletics activities center, a new library, a Child Care Center, an outdoor amphitheatre, a student union, and the Business Development Center. Tomás has been central to the fundamental redefinition of CSUB's institutional mission to achieve a closer nexus between CSUB and its regional community, resulting in the community's generous support for and coordination with the university. Furthermore, Tomás has demonstrated true leadership in promoting educational equity and access to a quality higher education for the region's diverse population, thus, helping to dramatically increase the enrollments of minority and women students and the hiring of ethnic minorities and women at the faculty, staff and administration levels.

Mr. Speaker, as family, friends, and colleagues gather to roast and pay tribute to Tomás's many accomplishments, it is with great admiration and pride that I ask my colleagues to join me today in saluting this truly remarkable example of the American dream. Tomás is a fortunate man who can retire with the knowledge that he made a difference fighting his entire life to improve education for all students, but even more importantly, he did so while also maintaining a sincere commitment to loving and supporting his family. Tomás sent his own children off to school every morning with the simple, yet profound, message to "just remember you're the greatest!" And he worked hard every day to provide those same opportunities for all children to believe in themselves, dream big and obtain a first-rate education. As Tomás closes this chapter of his distinguished career, I would like to say "thank you" on behalf of the students, teachers and families whose lives he has changed by opening doors, leading by example and always holding firm to his convictions. His countless contributions will be felt for generations to come.

ANNUAL SIKH CONVENTION LAYS
PLANS FOR EXPANDING STRUG-
GLE FOR FREEDOM

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, the International Sikh Organization held its annual convention on the weekend of October 10–11–12, 2003 in Houston. The convention laid plans for the expansion of the movement to free Khalistan, the Sikh homeland that declared its independence on October 7, 1987.

The convention was attended by many delegates from all around the United States and Canada. They made plans to expand their office in Washington, which has been an invaluable resource to us here in Congress in getting out information about the oppression of the Sikhs and other minorities by the Indian government. This is good to see. The glow of freedom still burns brightly in the hearts of these Sikh leaders.

The delegates also congratulated Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the International Sikh Organization and the Council of Khalistan, for his tireless work in support of the interests of Sikhs in this country and the cause of freedom for Khalistan. I can say from my personal experience that Dr. Aulakh has worked for that cause with great dedication for several years and he has provided a lot of information to those of us in Congress who are interested in the cause of human rights and freedom in South Asia.

Mr. Speaker, I would simply like to take this opportunity to salute the International Sikh Organization on a very successful convention and wish it continued success in the future. We can support its efforts to bring freedom to the Sikh people, and other regions in South Asia by insisting that human rights are observed and by declaring our support for a free and fair plebiscite under international monitoring on the question of independence.

HONORING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS
FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO
CIVIC EDUCATION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor local organizations throughout our great nation for their contributions to civic education. Estimates are that State governments have slashed over \$11–15 billion from their education budgets this year. At the same time, public opinion surveys indicate that education is at the top of the list of issues of interest to American citizens.

It is at times like this that we are particularly grateful that private sector individuals and organizations contribute to the education of America's youth. One such group is the Committee for Citizen Awareness, a not-for-profit organization that produces award-winning educational videotapes addressing civic subjects. In cooperation with organizations across America, they give these civic videotapes for free to high schools, community colleges,

many libraries and community access cable television stations. Over 30 million students and countless others have viewed these award-winning videos, free of charge.

At this moment in American history, when others are challenging our system of government, it is essential that our citizens understand their country's civic underpinnings. Helping to educate our citizens, particularly our young Americans, about these civic issues is indeed a noble and worthwhile goal. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in showing sincere gratitude to all organizations that have contributed to this effort, including:

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, on October 15, 2003, I was recorded as a "nay" vote on roll-call No. 540. Please let the RECORD show that I intended to vote "yea" on this motion.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LEONARD L. COLEMAN

HON. JIM TURNER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

Mr. TURNER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute of a distinguished public servant, Dr. Leonard L. Coleman. To the people of Grimes County, in East Texas, Dr. Coleman is a living legend. Considered by many to be the father of modern medicine in Grimes County, Dr. Coleman's surgical skills have helped mend and save lives for more than 34 years.

Dr. Coleman's distinguished medical career, during which he touched the lives of thousands of East Texans, represents the very best American values of commitment, selflessness, and hard work.

Not only a fine doctor, Dr. Coleman has been a dedicated public servant as well. At a time when many physicians were moving to larger communities and increasing the sizes of their practices, Dr. Coleman remained committed to the community in which he was raised throughout his career. As part of this commitment, Dr. Coleman has been a community leader, serving in a variety of civic positions, including President of the School Board, City Commissioner, Elder in the Presbyterian Church, and school physician. He has been a lifelong public servant in the truest sense of the word.

Dr. Coleman was also a teacher. He mentored young men who thought they might be interested in a medical career. During

many summers, high school and college students assisted Dr. Coleman in surgery, while he made rounds and house calls, and worked with him in the Navasota Clinic laboratory. Dr. Coleman's charm, wit, and warmth enchanted everyone he met, including both his patients and his students.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commending Dr. Coleman on a distinguished career and in thanking him for a lifetime of outstanding medical care and selfless service to the citizens of East Texas.

RECOGNIZING LUPUS INTERNATIONAL

HON. CHRISTOPHER COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call this Congress' attention to a devastating disease that affects millions of Americans.

Systematic Lupus Erythematosus, commonly known as lupus, is a chronic, complex, and often life-threatening autoimmune disease. It causes the immune system to become hyperactive and attack the body's own tissue, damaging vital organs which can lead to severe disability or death.

Research shows that 2.8 million people have been diagnosed with lupus in the United States—more than those affected by AIDS, Cerebral Palsy, Multiple Sclerosis, Sickle Cell Anemia and Cystic Fibrosis combined. Although lupus can affect people of all ages, it strikes primarily women between the ages of 16–45, and is currently the fourth leading cause of disability in females.

To date, there is no known cure for lupus and there are still very few treatments specific to the disease. However, with increased public awareness, education, and innovative research, we are hopeful that this battle can and will be won. Lupus International, a nonprofit organization in Irvine, California, has been a champion in the field of lupus research since it was founded in 1983. Over 2 decades, Lupus International has worked to alleviate suffering for millions of patients through support services and early detection of undiagnosed cases through awareness promotion.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Lupus International for its 20-year commitment to finding a cure for lupus, and its tremendous service to millions of Americans suffering from this devastating disease.

WHY WE NEED MORE MILITARY END STRENGTH

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, throughout my years of service, I have spent considerable time learning and understanding the complexities of our Nation's national security programs, and in particular our military personnel policies. It is with this experience and appreciation that I rise to share with my colleagues my deep concerns regarding the Nation's military end strength.

In February 1991, this Nation joined with our allies and went to war in the Persian Gulf. American service members were sent to the Middle East to help restore liberty and freedom to the citizens of Kuwait. The defense authorization bill for fiscal year 1991, provided the Army an end-strength of 702,170, the Navy 570,500, the Marine Corps 193,735, and the Air Force 510,000. When we went to war in 1991, the Army had 12 divisions, the Navy had 529 ships and the Air Force had 165 air wings.

The fall of the Berlin Wall, the end of the Cold War, and the successful prosecution of the first Persian Gulf War all led to the demand and belief that our country should and needed to reduce its military end-strength. The pressure for a "peace dividend" became the popular call.

By 1996, we had reduced Army end strength to 495,000, a reduction of over 207,000. The Navy was cut to 428,340, the Marine Corps downsized to 174,000, and the Air Force lost 129,000 for an end-strength of 388,200. The "peace dividend" was fast becoming a reality—in 5 years the military end-strength had been reduced by more than a half million.

However, the world has remained far from peaceful. The end of the Cold War has brought its own challenges—nearly 100,000 American forces have been called to serve in Bosnia and Kosovo, and thousands of National Guardsmen and Reserves are still being called to serve today. The United States has also sent our men and women in uniform to other operations around the world, including humanitarian assistance missions to Somalia and Haiti, drug interdiction operations in South America, and training government troops opposed to insurgents in the Philippines. Unfortunately, as the number of military operations has increased, there has also continued to be a slow and steady decrease in the size of our military.

But starting in 1995, the harsh reality of the worldwide operational burden on our forces led to calls for more forces. In 1995, Army Lieutenant General Ted Stroup, then Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, testified that the Army's active end strength should be 520,000, not the 495,000 that was requested in the 1996 budget request. Army Chief of Staff, General Eric Shinseki, reiterated that position during a hearing before the Armed Services Committee in July 2001. He told us that the Army needs a force of 520,000 people.

However, instead of proposing to increase military end-strength, the Bush administration has sought to gain greater efficiencies in the current force. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld directed the services to find ways to convert military positions that were not on the tip of the spear to civilian positions or private contractor jobs. The services also have been conducting reviews of their own to find ways to convert non-combat units to units with missions more relevant to actually fighting wars in order to relieve the burden on the front line forces now deployed around the world.

While I agree that we need to support more efficient use of the force, the administration's solution to our operational dilemma is wrong, shortsighted and self-defeating. Failing to increase our end strength will only increase the pressure on our current force. There is simply no substitute for having enough people to do